RNA FOR A BETTER LIFE IN THE HEIGHTS

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

June, 1997

232 Ogden Avenue - Jersey City, N.J. 07307 - (201) 798-0493

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NEW RNA OFFICERS

Elections were finally held last month for the 1997 RNA executive officers. The following individuals were elected by the membership:

Chair: Vito Brunetti
Vice Chair: Maria Tuzzo
Treasurer: Jack Rea
Secretary: Allison Ferrari-Fontana
Sgt. at Arms: Carol Rebelowski.

RNA would like to say a word about the outgoing officers, Vice-chair Greg Brickey and Secretary Kathy Packard. Both of these individuals worked to improve the quality of life for all the residents in our neighborhood. Greg was and will continue to be a motivating force behind the Riverview Community Garden which is now a permanent fixture of our Park. Kathy will continue to work with RNA by helping prepare our application for tax-exempt status. Their advice and energy have set a standard for the new officers to emulate.

VOTE ON JUNE 10th IN RUN-OFF ELECTION

RNA strongly encourages all its members, neighbors and friends to vote in the municipal run-off election on Tuesday, June 10th. There are two important council positions - Ward C and Council-at-large - that will be decided that day. (This does not count the possible mayoral run-off which will be determined in court in the coming weeks.) Part of RNA, from Franklin Street south to Cuneo Place, is within the boundary of Ward C. Therefore it is important that we are represented by someone who will protect our local interests and work with us to improve our area.

The same goes for the three At-large councilpersons who must represent the entire City. The people elected to these positions should be aware of the specific problems of the Heights and be responsive to the needs of its residents, including RNA.

As usual, RNA does not endorse any candidate. However, when deciding who to vote for in each of these races, voters should consider what each candidate will do to improve the quality of life in our community on Palisade and Ogden Avenues from Cuneo Place to Congress Street.

GAUGHAN RE-ELECTED in WARD D

RNA would like to congratulate Bill Gaughan on his re-election as councilman for Ward D. He was the only candidate in the recent municipal election that won on the first ballot. During his first term, RNA worked with Mr. Gaughan to get state funding to reopen our two mountain roads. (The plans of which are presently being developed by the Engineering Division.) In his second term, RNA will work with him to renovate Palisade Avenue.

RNA ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

RNA will hold its 13th annual flea market on Saturday, June 7th. As usual, there will be a wide variety of vendors selling their wares throughout Riverview-Fisk Park. In addition, there will be several food vendors selling hotdogs and delicious homemade items. RNA will also present live entertainment at the pavilion, including local musical groups (Cherry Flip and Joey George), a storyteller, poets, and hopefully our resident magician, Tony Scarpa. Tony, of SDS Bikes on Palisade Avenue, will also donate a bicycle for a RNA raffle to be held during the day.

On the following page, we have included a vendor's contract and more information about this event.

RNA table to sell donated items: Look for various items that you are not using or not in need of anymore. All items, including clothing, should be in fairly good condition. Bring these items to the RNA Table, which will be located north of the park pavilion, the morning of the flea market.

Coffee and cake table: Homemade and store bought goods will be accepted. These bakery products should be brought to the coffee table the morning of the flea market. Use disposable pans or plates.

Plant table: RNA will sell plants and flowers for our Park fund.

If people would like to volunteer or help at any of these tables, please fill out the form below and return to **Valerie Rea at 220 Ogen Avenue**:

NAME: _____

TELPHONE: _____

DONATE OR BAKE: _____

VOLUNTEER ON DAY of EVENT: _____

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL RNA FLEA MARKET
VENDOR CONTRACT

SPONSOR: RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1997
(RAINDATE: JUNE 14, 1997)

LOCATION: RIVERVIEW - FISK PARK
Ogden & Palisade Avenues, between Griffith & Bowers Streets,
JERSEY CITY HEIGHTS

TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Dealers may arrive anytime after 7:00 AM.)

RATE: **$15.00 PER SPACE** when paid in advance.
$20.00 PER SPACE if paid on day of event.
(MEMBERS: $10.00 and $15.00 per space accordingly.)

RULES:
1) Vendors must supply their own tables and chairs.
2) Position of spaces will be on a first come, first serve basis.
3) Food can only be sold by authorized food vendors. No vendor will sell anything obscene or illegal. (See registration form below.)
4) **Vendors must clean-up their spaces at the end of the day. Vendors cannot leave unsold or leftover items in the Park.**
5) Vendors will be allowed to unload and load their vehicles at the site, but **auto access to Ogden Avenue will cease at 9:00 AM**.
6) These rules will be strictly enforced by RNA on the day of the event.
7) Reservations must be postmarked no later then June 1, 1997.

ADVERTISING: RNA will advertise in the Jersey Journal, the Jersey City Reporter and by posters and flyers.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL: PATRICK MOORE (201) 792-9390.

RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
REGISTRATION FORM

DATE: **SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1997**
TIME: **9 AM TO 4 PM**
PLACE: **RIVERVIEW - FISK PARK**
(RAINDATE: JUNE 14, 1997)

PLEASE RESERVE: _____SPACES AT $10.00 or 15.00 per SPACE. (circle one)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_____.

Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone No. _____

By participating as a seller in the RNA Flea Market, I agree not to sell any food items, pornographic or obscene material or drug paraphernalia. If I violate this agreement, I will forfeit my right to participate and leave the flea market.

Signature :_____

Make checks payable to RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.
Cut out this application and send to **RNA, 232 Ogden Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07307**

MEETING MINUTES: May 13, 1997

The meeting opened with a continuation of the nominations for RNA officers, and closed with the RNA elections, after a two months delay, to place the new officers for 1997. The new team is Chair, Vito Brunetti; Vice Chair, Maria Tuzzo; Secretary, Alison Fontana-Ferrara; Treasurer, Jack Rea; Sgt.-at-Arms, Carol Rebelowski.

COMMUNITY POLICING:

Mike Maffei, NFT Officer from a neighboring post, spoke and took comments from the floor. He reported that the police are aware of drug activities in the area, and asked that residents provide help in catching drug dealers. He suggested that a detailed description, including clothing, shoes, etc, could help identify suspects.

He noted that spring and summer are expected to be busy on Palisade Av., and the hotter the weather, the worse the problems will be.

On the topic of double parking on Palisade Av., he said that officers usually move the cars on, and occasionally give tickets.

OUR PARKS:

Louis Ramos, caretaker for Janet Moore Park, and Damien Holloway, the new caretaker for Riverview Fisk Park, spoke briefly about their roles. Damien will be the contact for city agencies for park work, and will keep the park clean, perform maintenance and landscaping. Damien will be in the park weekdays before 11 am, and on weekends all day.

There was a discussion of possible projects for Riverview Park, including a dog run, repairs to the fence along the cliff, repair or removal of the water fountain, east side renovation, and the completion of the fencing around the playground. There was also discussion of summer basketball, volleyball, and a cleanup of the cliffside.

FLEA MARKET:

Plans for the Flea Market were discussed. Volunteers are needed for setup, closing, and cleanup. A form is in the newsletter for volunteers to register to help. Thanks to Valerie Rea, this year's port-a-john is free of charge. Clean, useful, saleable items are needed for the RNA table; bring them to the flea market early that day. Potted plants are needed to sell at the plant table, which benefits park projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) A dumpster weekend is planned for the weekend of May 30, with two dumpsters to be placed on Hobson St. and Franklin St. There was some doubt about the Franklin location, which would probably be switched to Ferry St.; signs will be posted if the location changes.

2) RNA is looking for a coordinator for its annual neighborhood cleanup.

3) The Riverview Community Garden is open, and plots are still available. Gardeners regularly meet at noon on Saturdays, and later in the season, also on Wednesdays.

4) Two summer concerts are planned in Riverview-Fisk Park. On July 9, a blues band will play, and on August 6, Rock & Roll.

5) For control of raccoons and water rats, contact Animal Control, who can provide traps for a $70 deposit. Or call Billy Rodolfos, NID Manager for the north part of RNA's territory, who can also help with non-lethal methods of control.

Cathy Packard, Secretary

GAZEBO '97 CONCERT SERIES

Once again, there will be live music concerts this summer in eight municipal parks throughout the City. The following concerts will be presented in Riverview-Fisk Park:

a) On **July 9**th, the **Cherry Flip** band will entertain with original blues music and

b) On **August 6**th, the **Flint Michigan** band will play original rock music.

These free concerts will start at 6PM and end at 8PM. This program is presented by the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs and organized by our local rock and roller, Joey George.

23RD CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL

This year's Cultural Arts Festival is scheduled for **Sunday, June 8**th at **Liberty State Park** at the railroad terminal from **12 Noon till 6 PM**, rain or shine. The theme is a tribute to the "City-Wide Mural Program", in which professional and student artists paint quality large scale murals on the most visible vacant wals in each ward of the City.

This multi-cultural event will present over 100 displays of art and crafts, two performance stages featuring a variety of dance and musical groups, ethnic foods and civic and church associations.

Anyone interested in participating in this event, contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-5687.

SUMMERFEST '97

There will be live music concerts every Sunday and Tuesday during July and August at Liberty State Park's railroad terminal plaza. These concerts will feature music ranging from big band, jazz, dixieland, accapella, to latin jazz and salsa .

The Sunday concerts start at 4 PM and the Tuesday concerts start at &PM. Admission is free. Lawn chairs and picnic baskets are suggested. Concerts will occur rain or shine. For more information, call the Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-5687.

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

Drop off articles, comments and/or recipes in the mailbox, attached to the gate, at 232 Ogden Ave. Mark the envelope, "RNA NEWSLETTER." The next deadline is **Friday, June 20, 1997.**

SUPPORT RNA & PAY YOUR ANNUAL $5.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES

(If anyone, who has paid their dues, has not received their membership card, contact Jack Rea.)

Bulletin board

Frances Santoro - Our wishes for a speedy recovery!

A NEW HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

RNA congratulates the Sgt. Anthony Park Association on the publication of its new format newsletter. RNA has always advocated that the more information circulated in our neighborhoods about local problems and achievements, the better we as a community are able to protect and control our development. If anyone is interested is receiving a copy, contact the Assn. at 85 Palisade Avenue, J.C., 07306.

Godzilla on Ogden

Big Fln Productions filmed for one day, Tuesday, May 27th, in our neighborhood on Ogden Avenue, north of the Park. From all reports, filming went smoothly and without any major disruption to the local residents.

From Valerie's Kitchen:

Nantucket Scallop Chowder

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 tablespoons butter.
- 1 cup diced potatoes.
- 2 small sliced onions.
- 1 pint scallops, cut small.
- 2 cups boiling water.
- 4 cups scaled milk.
- salt and pepper.
- common crackers, split and toasted.

1) Melt butter, lightly brown onions in butter.
2) Remove onions, cook scallops in butter for 5 minutes.
3) Add boiling water, onions and potatoes, and simmer 30 minutes.
4) Add scaled milk and simmer another 15 minutes.
5) Season to taste. Serve hot with crackers. Serves 5.

Little Things

Oft' times it is the "little things" in life that bring me pleasure,
The things money cannot buy, bring joy that's beyond measure,
I love to watch the sun set at the closing of the day. . .
The sounds of children laughing as contentedly they play,
I love to hear the rain falling gently in the trees, the fragrance of the springtime, a cooling summer breeze,
In this world of greed and discontent with what the love of money brings, I'm glad that God has given me the love of "little things."

HAPPY SPRING!

Madeline Rea

POLICEBEAT

Residents should contact their **Neighborhood Task Force Police Officers Scott Schnee and Lorenzo Tosado, David Murawinski** or **Mark Conroy and Keith Armstrong** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity at **547-5350** (the North District station's frontdesk) or **547-5719** (community service number). When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and the date and time of the message.

In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD **Narcotics Unit at 547-5391.** Ask to speak to the Narcotics Detectives in the North District. All calls will be strictly confidential.

A **Community Service Survey** form is reprinted below. The purpose of the form is to alert the police to particular chronic problems in our neighborhood. Please fill the form out and mail it to the North District at 282 Central Avenue. (You can remain anonymous.)

JERSEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
NORTH DISTRICT
282 Central Avenue, Jersey City, 07307
547-5350: Front Desk
547-5719: Neighborhood Task Force

Community Service Survey

Name:_____
Address:_____
Home Phone:_____
Block Association:_____
Complaint & Observations for the period of_____

List the Locations for the following Problems:
Disorderly Groups:_____
Public Nuisances: _____
Narcotics Activity:_____
Unsafe/Unhealthy Sites: _____
Suspicious Activity:_____
Heavy Trucking: _____
Auto Thefts:_____
Burglaries:_____
Prostitution: _____
Gambling:_____
Other:_____
_____

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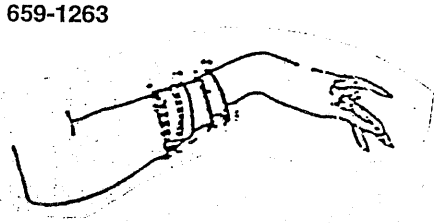

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on Tuesday, JUNE 10th at 7:15 PM

REMEMBER to
VOTE on
TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH
in JERSEY CITY'S RUN-OFF
ELECTION for Ward C and
the At-large Council Positions

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COMING EVENTS

June 7: 13th Annual Flea Market in Riverview-Fisk Park
June 10: Run-off Election for Ward C and Council-at-large
RNA MEETING: Tuesday, June 10 th at 7:15 PM
LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER
June 8: Jersey City Cultural Arts Festival, Liberty State Park

FREE GAZEBO MUSIC CONCERTS
Riverview-Fisk Park (Wednesday nights from 6PM to 8PM)
July 9: CHERRY FLIP blues band
August 6: FLINT MICHIGAN rock band

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